

Application No. 10/782,487
Amendment "A" dated March 30, 2005
Reply to Office Action mailed February 25, 2005

REMARKS

Applicant extends appreciation to the Examiner for the interview granted to Applicant's attorney. As discussed at the interview, the claims have been amended in accordance with the matters proposed and discussed. Specifically, independent claim 1, which is the only independent claim currently under rejection in the Office Action, has been amended to include the essential subject matter from dependent claims 4 and 5. Dependent claim 5 was objected to but otherwise found to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Independent claims 20 and 21 were allowed.


In addition to the foregoing amendments Applicant has also submitted two new independent claims, each of which correspond to other dependent claims that were objected to but otherwise indicated as being allowable. Specifically, new independent claim 22 corresponds to dependent claim 3 and new independent claim 23 corresponds to dependent claim 13.

In view of the foregoing amendments, all of the claims are now in condition for allowance in accordance with the Examiner's findings in the Office Action. Thus, as noted in the Interview Summary, the "claims are considered allowable over the prior art pending an updated search."

Favorable reconsideration is therefore respectfully requested. In the event the Examiner finds any remaining impediment that could be resolved with a teleconference, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney of record.

Dated this 30th day of March, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,


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